

Education

2012-present

PhD Candidate

Groningen Institute of Archaeology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

- **Dissertation Title:** *The Process of Death: A Bioarchaeological Approach to Mycenaean Burial Traditions of Achaea, Greece*
- **Supervisors:** Prof. Dr. Sofia Voutsaki, Prof. Dr. Jane E. Buikstra
- **Committee:** Prof. Dr. James C. Wright, Prof. Dr. Chris Knüsel,
- **Submission date:** June 2018
- **Scheduled Defense date:** December 12th, 2019

2006

MA Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East

Institute of Archaeology, University College London, London, United Kingdom

- Thesis title: *The Changing Face of the Dead: Evidence for Mycenaean Ancestor Cults*

2005

BA Anthropology and History

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

- Graduated *cum laude*: double major in anthropology and history, minor in classics
- Study Year Abroad: Cardiff University School of History, Archaeology and Religion

Teaching

Experience

Summer 2010,
2011

Fieldschool Supervisor

Astypalaia Bioarchaeology Fieldschool

- Taught and supervised undergraduate students in osteological identification, excavation, laboratory cataloging, and conservation of human remains

Spring and Fall

2011, Spring 2012

Adjunct Anthropology Instructor

West Virginia University, Morgantown

- Developed and taught undergraduate courses titled “Anthropology of Death” and “Human Osteology”

Spring 2016

Co-Instructor

Groningen Institute of Archaeology & Netherlands Institute in Athens

- Co-developed a course titled “Archaeology of Death in the Greek World”
- Lectured on site and in the classroom in Greece

Fall 2017-present

Adjunct Anthropology Instructor

West Virginia University, Morgantown

Courses taught:

- Small laboratory-based undergraduate course: Human Osteology (SOCA 249)
- Three (200 student) sections of Introduction to Anthropology (SOCA 105)
- Archaeology of Greece and Rome (SOCA 393)

Archaeological

Projects

2012-2018

Bioarchaeological analysis of Mycenaean tombs at Ayios Vasilios-Chalandritsa, Portes, and Petroto in Achaia.

2014-present

Bioarchaeological analysis of intramural graves at Mygdalia in Achaia.

2015-present

Bioarchaeological analysis of Mycenaean tholos tombs at Rhodia in Achaia

2017-present

Bioarchaeological analysis of Roman graves in Karditsa.

Bioarchaeological analysis of the Mycenaean chamber tombs at Trapeza in Achaia.

2018- present

DNA analysis of skeletal material and dental calculus from Achaia, Greece (in cooperation with Greek excavators and Dr. Philipp Stockhammer and Dr. Johannes Krause at the Max Planck Institute for Science of Human History (MPI-SHH).

Bioarchaeological analysis of intramural graves at Kopais.

Work

Experience

Spring 2006

Student Intern

Museum of London Human Osteology Department London, UK

- Cataloging and labeling skeletal material and assisting osteologists

2006-2007

Archaeology Apprentice

USDA Forest Service Golden Pond, KY

- Field supervisor for excavations and finds cataloging
- Co-wrote archaeological and historic reports for the KY or TN State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Summer 2007 &
2008

Field Archaeologist & Crew Supervisor

British School at Athens Knossos Urban Landscape Project

- Led a crew of students in the field survey and during ceramic identification

2007-2009

Archaeology Field Technician

GAI Consultants, Pittsburgh, PA

- Excavated various prehistoric and historic sites in OH, VA, WV, MD, and PA

2009

Archaeologist

Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest, Wheeling, WV

- Trained in lithic analysis on local Ohio valley chert types
- Supervised field technicians during Phase III excavation of a prehistoric site
- Conducted archival research and co-wrote SHPO reports

Summer 2009

Lab Researcher

Astypalaia, Kylindra Cemetery Project

- Participated in lab and field excavation and identification of human remains

January 2019-
present

Lead Curator

Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, Moundsville WV

Grants & Awards

2014

Malcolm H. Wiener Laboratory of Archaeological Science: Associate Laboratory Fellow (\$3500)
ARCHON Conference Subsidy (€500)

2015

AIA Student Travel Award
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (\$4300 to fund C14 analysis of human remains)
Visiting Scholar at Arizona State University

2016

ARCHON Conference Subsidy (€300)

2017

AIA Student Travel Award
Netherlands Institute at Athens Research Fellow (€1400)
Catharine van Tussenbroek Foundation (€2500)
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (under the direction of Dr. Lena Papazoglou) (€1000)

2018

AIA Student Travel Award
Institute for Aegean Prehistory Research Grant (under the direction of Dr. Lena Papazoglou) (€1000)
Udine University (under the direction of Prof. Elisabetta Borgna) (€5000)

2019

AIA Student Travel Award

Conference Presentations

2014

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Chicago, USA

- Presented a paper in the Lightning Session titled “Mycenaean Secondary Burial”

Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting: Austin, USA

- Presented a paper: “Piles of Bones: Materiality as an Aid to Assess Meaning from Commingled Confusion”

European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting: Istanbul, Turkey

- Presented paper: “Bone Piles: Taphonomy and Zonation as Aids to Assess Meaning from Commingled Confusion”

2015

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: New Orleans, USA

- Co-organized a session: “The Preservation of Organic Remains in the Aegean”
- Paper co-authored with Dr. Daniel Fallu titled: “Between a Rock and Hard Place: Preservation Issues of Human Remains in a Mycenaean Tholos”

2016

International Symposium on Archaeometry: Kalamata, Greece

- Presented poster: “The Life History of a Tomb: Radiocarbon Dating Multiple Levels in a Mycenaean tholos”

2017

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada

- Presented a co-authored paper with J. van der Plicht, L. Papazoglou-Manioudaki, and M. Petropoulos: “Use and Reuse in a Mycenaean Tholos Tomb: Using Radiocarbon and Bioarchaeology to Reconstruct Burial Practices at Petroto, Mygdalia”

2018

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: Boston, USA

- Presented paper titled: “A Paleodemographic Approach to Burial Exclusion in Mycenaean Achaia”

17th International Aegean Conference (Aegaeum): Venice & Udine, Italy

- Co-authored paper titled: “Use and Reuse of the Past: Case Studies from Mycenaean Achaia”
- Co-authored paper titled “Community and memory in the periphery of the Mycenaean world: Incidents in the life of the Mygdalia settlement near Patras

Η Περιφέρεια Του Μυκηναϊκού Κόσμου: Πρόσφατα ευρήματα και πορίσματα της έρευνας (Periphery of the Mycenaean World): Lamia, Greece

- Co-authored paper titled: “Ένας αιώνας ερευνών στη Μυκηναϊκή δυτική Αχαΐα. Επισκόπηση των παλαιών και νέων δεδομένων από τους θολωτούς και τους θαλαμοειδείς τάφους.
- Co-authored paper titled “Community and Memory in the Periphery of the Mycenaean World: Incidents in the Life of the Mygdalia Settlement Near Patras”

2019

Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting: San Diego, USA

- Presented paper titled: “Mycenaean Secondary Burial Revisited”

Publications

Jones, O.A. 2013. Mycenaean Burial Traditions of Achaea: An Anthropological and Bioarchaeological Approach. *Tijdschrift voor Mediteranne Archeologie*, 49. 71.

Jones, O.A. 2014. The Study of Secondary Burial in Mycenaean Mortuary Traditions: A New Approach to the Evidence. *Tijdschrift voor Mediteranne Archeologie*, 51. 8-13.

Aktypi, K. (with contribution by **O.A. Jones**). 2014. “Finds of the Geometric Period in the Mycenaean Cemetery at Agios Vasileios, Chalandritsa, Achaea. *Annual of the British School at Athens*, 109. 129-157.

Jones, O.A. 2017. “A Bioarchaeological Approach to the Human Remains and Burial Practices” in K. Aktypi *The Mycenaean Cemetery at Agios Vasileios, Chalandritsa, in Achaea*. Archaeopress: Oxford.

Jones, O.A., J. van der Plicht, L. Papazoglou-Manioudaki, and M. Petropoulos. 2018. “Timing is Everything: Radiocarbon Dating the Multiple Levels in a Mycenaean Tholos”. *STAR: Science & Technology of Archaeological Research* 3:2. Open access: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/20548923.2018.1428408>.

Jones, O. A. 2018. “Burial Exclusion or Inclusion: The Demography of Mycenaean Mortuary Practices in Achaia, Greece”. *Journal of Greek Archaeology* 3: 75-93.

Jones, O.A. 2018. “Mycenaean Secondary Burial Revisited: legacy data, taphonomy, and the process of burial in Mycenaean Achaia, Greece.” *Bioarchaeology International* 2 (4): 217-239.

Aktypi, K., **O.A. Jones**, and M. Gazis. 2019. “Use and Reuse of the Past: Case Studies from Mycenaean Achaea” *Mneme: Past and Memory in the Aegean Bronze Age* edited by E. Borgna, I. Caloi, F. Carincia and R. Laffineur. 17th International Aegean Conference Venice, Italy.

Papazoglou-Manioudaki, L. K. Paschalidis, and **O.A. Jones** 2019. “Community and Memory in the Periphery of the Mycenaean world: Incidents in the Life of the Mygdalia Settlement near Patras, in Achaea” *Mneme: Past and Memory in the Aegean Bronze Age* edited by E. Borgna, I. Caloi, F. Carincia and R. Laffineur. 17th International Aegean Conference Venice, Italy.

Jones, O.A. (in preparation). *The Bioarchaeology of the Mycenaean World*.

Professional Memberships

Archaeological Institute of America
Society for American Archaeology
Society for Aegean Prehistory

Register of Professional Archaeologists
Council for West Virginia Archaeology (Vice President)
West Virginia Archaeological Society